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ANNOUNCEMENT

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THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR) WILL RELEASE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) FOR THE PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013.

The ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) seeks qualified vendors to administer the *Alabama Educational Training Voucher Program (ETVP)* and to develop and coordinate *Independent Living Conferences and Camps*. The *Alabama Educational Training Voucher Program (ETVP)* provides monetary assistance provides educational and training vouchers to eligible youth who are enrolled in postsecondary accredited educational institutions. This program provides educational and training vouchers to eligible youth who are in or have aged out of foster care or who were adopted from foster care after turning 16 years old. ETVP allows the Department to expand and supplement the current assistance provided to former and eligible foster care youth and specifically helps them to begin, continue and/or complete their educational and vocational goals. The *Independent Living Conferences and Camps* consist of: 1) two (2) three-day youth camps/conferences for foster youth; 2) an ILP Networking conference for DHR staff and providers; and 3) provide support services for Alabama foster youth ages 16-21 and former foster youth ages 18-25. It also includes development and coordination of services with the DREAM Council and support of the State Independent Living program. A more complete description of the services sought for these projects is provided in *Section 3, Scope of Project* of the RFP documents. Proposals submitted in response to these solicitations must comply with the instructions and procedures described in the procurement document.

The initial contract term for the both projects is **two (2) years** beginning **October 01, 2013** and ending **September 30, 2015**. Renewals of both contracts, as agreed upon by both parties, may be made at one-year intervals, or any interval that is advantageous to the Department, not to exceed a total of three (3) years, at the option of the Department. ***Selected vendors must be fully operational on Tuesday, October 01, 2013.***

The RFP documents may be accessed after 5:00 p.m. on the date specified above on the Department’s website at www.dhr.alabama.gov. Click on the RFP link for the titles listed above under ANNOUNCEMENTS, which will take you directly to the RFP or click on Requests for Proposals under QUICK LINKS, then click on the RFP link for titles of interest. If you are unable to access either document after their release using the aforementioned web address, immediately notify Starr Stewart (starr.stewart@dhr.alabama.gov) via email.

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